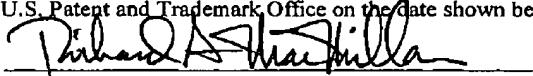
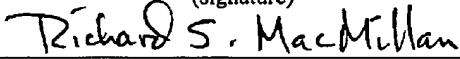


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RESPONSE

Honorable Sir:

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious in view of the combined teachings of the applicant's admitted prior art and the La Rocca reference. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent Claim 1 defines the invention as a method for securing a body mount support bracket to a portion of a vehicle body and frame assembly. Initially, a body mount support bracket is provided. Then, internal stresses are created within the